

Inspection report for children's home

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About this inspection

The purpose of this inspection is to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided. The inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service and to consider how well it complies with the relevant regulations and meets the national minimum standards.

The report details the progress made by the provider since the last full inspection, identifies any further strengths, any areas for improvement and makes judgements as outlined in the *Inspection of children's homes – framework for inspection (March 2011)*.

The inspection judgements and what they mean

Good progress	The children's home has demonstrated continued improvement in quality of care and outcomes for children and young people and where appropriate has addressed all requirements and the large majority of recommendations that were raised at the previous inspection.
Satisfactory progress	The children's home has maintained quality of care and outcomes for children and young people and where appropriate has addressed all requirements and the majority of recommendations that were raised at the previous inspection.
Inadequate progress	The children's home has failed to address one or more requirements and/or has not met the majority of recommendations and/or the quality of care and outcomes for children and young people have declined since the last full inspection.

Service information

Brief description of the service

The home caters for up to three young people who have emotional and behavioural difficulties from the age of 10 to under 18 years. The home is privately owned.

Progress

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **good** progress.

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At the last inspection, which was carried out in October 2011, the overall effectiveness of the home was judged as being good. One requirement and two recommendations were made. These have been addressed and the home has made good progress since the last inspection.

Young people benefit from the home now having regular Regulation 33 visits to ensure the monitoring and upkeep of the home's systems, safeguarding and environment. These are now sent to Ofsted to ensure an overview is seen of what is happening in the home.

Young people are kept safe by regular fire drill practices to ensure they would know what to do in times of a possible fire or emergency. The home ensures the young people's safety by keeping all fire equipment and risk assessments up to date.

Young people have been supported in their continued progress. Staff support the young people with all their issues and help them to move on after any difficulties or disappointments. Young people are enabled to make small steps when they struggle with daily life and staff ensure that young people receive support from specific professionals.

A new acting manager has been in place at the home for the last six weeks; staff feel they are supported in their roles with the young people.

The home received one recommendation at this inspection as there is no risk assessment in place for a specific area of a young person's behaviour. This has the potential to leave the young person and staff vulnerable. However the home has risked assessed the situation verbally and the issue is being monitored and taken into account in daily practice.

Areas for improvement

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure a risk assessment is written for specific risky behaviour. (NMS 4.5)